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ODF&W Commission

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First Name: Mark MI: W Last Name: Labhart

Preferred Name: Mark (Ex: Thomas -> Tom) Title: (Mr. Ms. Dr.) Mr. Suffix: (Jr., PhD)

Permanent Address:

City: Sisters State: OR Zip Code: 97759 County (not USA): Deschutes

Cell Phone: [REDACTED] Work Phone: 503-801-1704 Home Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: marklabhart@gmail.com

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MARK LABHART

Retired Tillamook County Commissioner

Non-Partisan,

1st Term expired 12/31/08 Ran unopposed

2nd Term expired 12/31/12 Ran unopposed

3rd Term Expired 12/31/16 One other candidate

Married 44 yrs., one son, one daughter, four grandchildren.

Education:

B.S. in Forestry Oregon State University

Employment:

Tillamook County Board of Commissioners 12 yrs.

Previously worked 34 years with Oregon Dept. of Forestry throughout Oregon (John Day, Fossil, Lakeview, Roseburg, Tillamook). 21 yrs. as District Forester managing the majority of the Tillamook State Forest which is about half of Tillamook County. Type 1 Incident Commander on the State's Fire Overhead Mgmt. Team 1 for 11 years and five years as a National Area Commander on large conflagration fires. **Retired Dec. 31, 2016 and moved to Sisters Oregon where they currently live.**



Current & Past Professional Activities and Community Service

- Appointed by Governor to HB 2402 (15-17 session) Legislative Task Force to find funding alternatives for ODF&W and was chosen Chair of the Task Force.
- Chair twice of the ODF&W Fish Restoration and Enhancement Board where he served two four-year terms.
- Chair one year of the Salmon Trout & Enhancement Board (STEP) where he served for five years.
- Current member of the ODF&W External Budget Advisory Committee.
- Appointed by the Governor to serve on the Governor's Wild Fire Response Council.
- Co-Convener with Sen. Johnson on the \$12 million-dollar Tillamook Oregon Solutions Project to address unacceptable flooding in the north Tillamook area.
- Currently serve on the Board of Trustees for the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust.
- Currently serve as Vice-Chair of the OSU Statewide Extension Advisory Committee.
- Currently serve on the OSU Statewide Sea Grant Advisory Committee.
- Currently working part-time with the Association of Oregon Counties County Solutions Program as a Facilitator on the Oregon Coast Tide Gate Project,

Closing the gaps on the Oregon Coast Trail and Sudden Oak Death in Southern Oregon.

- Previously appointed by Governor to serve as the Oregon County's rep. on Governor's Resilience Plan Implementation Task Force to address earthquakes and Tsunamis.
- Previously appointed by Governor to be one of four County Commissioners on Federal Forest Payments Task Force.
- Previously appointed by Governor to serve as the West Coast Representative on FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee Leadership Group.
- Appointed by the Governor to the State Flood Recovery Task Force when he was a County Commissioner.
- Previously appointed by the Governor to serve as the State's representative on the federal Province Advisory Committee representing the Oregon Coast.
- Previously appointed by the Governor to serve as a Board member of the Governor's Economic Recovery Cabinet.
- Served on the Board of Directors of the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) while he was a County Commissioner.
- Served as a Legislative Committee member with the Association of Oregon Counties while he was a County Commissioner.
- Was Vice-Chair of the Assoc. of Oregon Counties Transportation Steering Committee while he was a County Commissioner.
- Served as a member of the National Association of Counties Transportation Steering Committee while he was a County Commissioner.
- Previous Board Member and Chair for several terms on the Columbia Pacific Economic Development District for Tillamook, Clatsop, Columbia & Western Washington counties.
- Previous Chair & Board member of the Tillamook County Economic Development Council.
- Previous Chair & Board member & President of the Northwest Oregon Economic Alliance.
- Previous Board member and Chair of the North West Area Commission on Transportation for Tillamook, Clatsop, Columbia and western Washington counties while he was a County Commissioner.
- Previous Board member Salmonberry Trail Interagency Authority.
- Previous Board member NW Oregon Regional Solutions Steering Committee.
- Chair of the Tillamook County Flood Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee while he was a County Commissioner.
- Previously appointed by Governor to serve on ODOT's Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Previously appointed to ODOT's Policy Advisory Committee to guide development of Oregon's Public Transportation Plan
- Board member of TIDE (Tillamook Intergovernmental Development Entity) regarding wave energy siting while he was a County Commissioner.
- Previous Board member Marie Mills Center for developmentally disabled adults
- Previous member of the Council of Forest Trust Lands Counties

- Previous Board member and President of the Tillamook Chamber of Commerce
- Previous member of the Pacific City Chamber of Commerce
- Previous member of the Tillamook County Farm Bureau
- Previous member of the Tillamook County General Hospital Civic Advisory Board
- Previous member of the Tillamook County Historical Society
- Previously served on the Port of Tillamook Bay's Budget Committee.
- Past President and Member of the Tillamook Kiwanis Club
- Previous Board member and Chair of Tillamook County United Way
- Previous Board member of the NW Oregon Housing Authority
- Previous Board member and Chair of Start Making a Reader Today - SMART
- Previously served on the Tillamook Bay Community College Community College Work and Families Advisory Committee.
- Previously served on the Tillamook Commission on Children and Families.
- Previously served on two Loan Advisory Boards.
- Previously coached YMCA basketball and baseball programs.
- Current member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

Awards

- Forester of the Year for the Oregon Society of American Foresters
- Chosen as Tillamook County Volunteer of the Year in 2002
- Chosen as Tillamook County Citizen of the Year in 2004
- Recognized by ODF&W Commission in 1993 with a plaque for contributions to Oregon's Fish & Wildlife.
- Chosen as OSU Statewide Extension Cooperator of the Year in 2015
- Chosen by the American Red Cross with the Cascades Region Community Champion Award in 2016
- Presented by Tillamook Bay Community College with an Honoree Degree as Community College Champion for 2016

Mark loves to hunt deer and elk and fish in Tillamook Bay and now fly fish in central Oregon's lakes. He and his wife have two grown children. Jeff who owns and operates with his wife a Gelato Company in Bend and Megan who works as an international recruiter for Disney Cruise Lines. Mark & Melanie have four grandchildren.

Executive Appointments Statement of Interest

ODF&W Commission Appointment – Mark Labhart

I am very interested and would consider it a distinct honor and privilege to be appointed to serve as an ODF&W Commissioner. My background and qualifications to serve are documented in my resume (attached).

I have been involved with ODF&W for decades serving on their External Budget Advisory Committee, the Fish Restoration and Enhancement Board and the STEP Advisory Committee. Most recently I served as Chair of a Legislative Task Force to find alternate funding for ODF&W called the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund. My leadership and policy skills are identified in the attached resume but to summarize, I have participated on many statewide task forces, Boards and Commissions. Many as Chair. I also have had the privilege of being appointed by several Governors to Boards and Commissions (please see resume).

Some of my leadership skills include:

- Keeping cool under pressure
- I try and see the big picture, provide context and perspective
- I can make tough, sound decisions on time
- I believe I have good interpersonal skills
- I make every effort to gain trust and build teams
- I believe I have good interpersonal skills
- I believe I'm a good listener and can adapt or modify my opinion to new information that I was not aware of
- I set a high ethical tone
- I am positive, encouraging and realistically optimistic
- I try and practice the right balance between confidence and arrogance and the right balance between humility and insecurity
- I am aware of my strengths and weaknesses
- I try and deal calmly with stress.
- I believe the future will be better than the past
- I set measurable goals
- Others say I understand and am sensitive to them as well as they say I build and maintain relationships and am a team player

Thank You for Considering my application.

Jason Miner
Natural Resources Policy Director
Office of Governor Kate Brown

Mary Moller
Executive Appointments Director
Office of the Governor

Dear Jason and Mary:

It has recently come to my attention that previous Tillamook County Commissioner Mark Labhart has submitted an application for an upcoming opening on the Fish & Wildlife Commission. **We would like to go on record in support of Mark's application and hopeful appointment.**

I have gotten to know Mark in several venues and am most impressed with his management and leadership abilities. Mark has given me a copy of his extensive resume and I find it quite broad and remarkable. 34 yrs. with the Oregon Department of Forestry with the majority of that time as manager of the majority of the Tillamook State Forest, 12 years as a County Commissioner with significant involvement in leadership positions. He has been involved as Chair of the R & E Board and the STEP Advisory Committees. He sits on ODF&W External Budget Advisory Committee. His community service credentials are also quite impressive: Tillamook County Citizen of the Year, Volunteer of the Year and Oregon's Society of American Foresters Forester of the Year. He was chosen by the members of a Legislative Task Force as their Chair to develop recommendations to find funding alternatives for ODF&W and spearheaded a unanimous recommendation to the Legislature from a very diverse group of stakeholder members. He continues to volunteer his time to come to Salem to testify in support of the Task Force's recommendations to Legislative committees.

Mark grew up in cattle country. He was born in Heppner and grew up in John Day. He spent working years in Fossil and Lakeview. He understands our ranching community. The Governor has appointed him to the Wildfire Response Council.

Most recently AOC hired him out of retirement to work on several projects that our Association is supportive of. The one that I have observed Mark most closely in resolves around finding ways to replace failing tide gates along the Oregon coast and the lower Columbia River where salt water intrusion affects many of our dairy and cattle farmers and ranchers. Mark is facilitating these public meetings and outreach session for AOC and OWEB. I have observed him first hand his abilities to manage large and sometimes contentious participants. We still have a way to go to develop streamline regulations, secure funding and find adequate solutions to this increasing problem of failing tide gates but with Mark's help and leadership, we have a chance.

Oregon Cattlemen's Association requests your concurrence to move Mark's nomination forward.

Sincerely,

Jerome Rosa

Executive Director
Oregon Cattlemen's Association
1320 Capitol Street NE, Suite 150
Salem, Oregon 97301
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First Name: JAMES MI: T Last Name: NASH

Preferred Name: SIM (Ex: Thomas -> Tom) Title: (Mr. Ms. Dr.) CAPT Suffix: (Jr., PhD)

Occupation: RANCHER/OUTFITTER (Select one) Home: ☒ Work: ☐

Preferred Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

City: ENTERPRISE State: OR Zip Code: 97828 County: WALLOWA
(Ex: Marion, Multnomah, Coos, Lane.....Not USA)

Cell Phone: [REDACTED] Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email Address: (Please print) 6RANCHFLYFISHING@GMAIL.COM

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James Nash

Enterprise OR 97828

Home:

6ranchflyfishing@gmail.com

Summary

I am a fifth generation rancher and conservationist on the 6 Ranch. I have 16 years of experience guiding fishermen, hunters, and backcountry adventures. I worked for the Forest Service as a firefighter for six summers while I attended the University of Montana-Western where I earned a bachelor of arts degree in literature and writing. Following that I joined the Marine Corps where I commissioned as an officer and served five years and one deployment to Afghanistan as a tank platoon commander. I was medically retired after having been wounded twice in combat and returned to the 6 Ranch where I am the manager of all recreation and natural resources.

Highlights

- Fluent in [Norwegian](#)
- Upper-level management training
- Strategic planning
- Game animal management
- Extensive native species knowledge
- Invasive species knowledge

Accomplishments

Initiated and oversaw the reconstruction of 2.1 miles of the Walllowa River providing spawning habitat for multiple ESA listed species.

Improved habitat for upland game birds and created a program to re-establish populations of quail, pheasant, chukar and hungarian partridge.

Created waterfowl nesting and rearing habitat.

Experience

Winding Waters River Expeditions

May 2009 to Current

Guide

Joseph, Oregon

United States Marine Corps

December 2008 to March 2014

Tank Officer

Two Purple Heart Medals

Combat Action Ribbon

Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with V for Valor

United States Forest Service

May 2003 to September 2008

Forestry Technician, helicopter rappeller

Enterprise, OR

6 Ranch

June 1986 to Current

Natural Resources

Enterprise, Oregon

Education

University of Montana-Western

2009

Bachelor of Arts: Literature and Writing

Dillon, Montana, USA

BIO

Capt James Nash, USMC Ret.

I am the fifth generation of my family to live on the 6 Ranch, raise cattle, and practice conservation and sustainability. I started guiding wilderness trips at age 14 and have continued guiding, in some capacity, since that time. I started fighting fire at age 16 and began working as a firefighter for the USFS at 17. The following year I became the youngest person to fight fire on a helicopter rappel crew and continued that work during summers until I graduated from the University of Montana-Western with a degree in Literature and Writing in 2009. That year I joined the United States Marine Corps and commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in March of 2010. I served for five years and then returned to the 6 Ranch after being medically retired from wounds sustained in combat in Afghanistan. I started a business on the ranch as a fly fishing outfitter which has since expanded to include a much larger area.

I have been actively involved in river restoration on the 6 Ranch since age 8 when I proposed what would later become the largest restoration on the Wallowa River. In 2009 and again in 2015 we collaborated with several organizations to create 2.3 miles of new river channel in order to provide habitat for endangered wild salmon and steelhead. The project has been successful as we have dramatically increased the number of anadromous fish spawning sites. I have consulted with several property managers and owners in their efforts to follow the example set by my ranch to conduct meaningful conservation on their properties. Over the past two years I have restored habitat and populations for several game bird species including nesting habitat for migratory waterfowl. My focus is shifting now to the critical decline of mule deer and I am working with local biologists to help that population. My goal is to bridge the divide between producers, business owners, recreationalists and conservationists using my generational knowledge of sustainability and my unique perspective as a younger businessman.



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commissioner

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First Name: Robert MI: P Last Name: Spelbrink

Preferred Name: Bob (Ex: Thomas -> Tom) Title: (Mr. Ms. Dr.) Mr. Suffix: (Jr., PhD) _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: Siletz State: OR Zip Code: 97380 County (not USA): Lincoln

Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email Address: rspelbrink@yahoo.com

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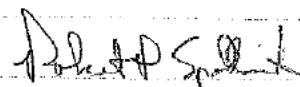
I was born in 1948 in Salem, Oregon and grew up in the Mackay area east of Salem and I am a lifelong resident of Oregon. I have been married to my wife, Candise, for 35 years and we have 2 grown children. After graduating from OSU with a business degree, in 1970, I was commissioned a 2nd Lt. through the ROTC program at OSU. Because of the troop cutback in Viet Nam I was sent to Fort Benning, GA, for "active duty for training only" at the Infantry Officer Basic Course and then to a reserve group.

I was a commercial fisherman for 45 years, owning and operating 3 different fishing vessels. I fished for salmon and Albacore, long lined Halibut, pot fished Black Cod, and concentrated mostly on Dungeness Crab fishing for the last 35 years. I retired from active commercial fishing in 2016. I have held a 100 Ton Coast Guard License since 1998.

I have been an avid hunter and sport fisherman for most of my life. I have hunted with reasonable success in both eastern and western Oregon and am an active licensed sportfishing guide with over 20 years guiding experience. I fish and guide mostly for fall and spring chinook on coastal rivers and the Willamette River and its tributaries.

I have been active in advisory roles in both commercial fishing and sportfishing groups working with ODFW on issues such as marine reserve planning, basin management plans, and the recent coastal fish management plan (CMT). I am a member of the Oregon Dungeness Crab Advisory Group and an alternate advisor for the Tri-State Dungeness Crab meetings with fishermen and managers from Washington, Oregon, and California.

For most of my life my livelihood has been dependent on having access to healthy fish and marine resources. I firmly believe that both commercial fishermen and sport fishermen desire that same thing and working together toward that common goal is the best way to achieve success. I am hopeful that my background, experience, and knowledge would be valuable as a member of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission.



Robert P. Spelbrink


Siletz, OR 97380




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Preferred Name: Mary (Ex: Thomas -> Tom) Title: (Mr. Ms. Dr.) _____ Suffix: (Jr., PhD) _____

Occupation: Retired (Select one) Home: ☒ Work: ☐

Preferred Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

City: Langlois State: OR Zip Code: 97450 County: Curry

(Ex: Marion, Multnomah, Coos, Lane.....Not USA)

Cell Phone: [REDACTED] Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: (Please print) marywahl1980@gmail.com

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MARY WAHL

Langlois, OR 97450

marywahl1980@gmail.com

EDUCATION

Master of Public Administration, Harvard University

Bachelor of Arts, Oregon State University and University of Pavia (Pavia, Italy)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MANAGER, WATERSHED SERVICES GROUP, CITY OF PORTLAND'S BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, 2000 2010

Responsibilities included watershed planning and implementation, sustainable stormwater management and ensuring the City's compliance with portions of the federal Clean Water, Safe Drinking Water, and Endangered Species Acts.

DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR, OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, 1991 2000

Administered cleanups of contaminated sites, spills, and hazardous and solid waste management programs across the state. Managed all aspects of statewide strategic planning, budget, staff management, policy development, legislation and public involvement. \$25 million annual budget; 80 staff.

MANAGER, CLEANUP POLICY & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT SECTION, OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, 1986 1989; 1990 1991

Directed development of policy and pertinent legislation; responsible for contracting, planning, grant writing, and information management for DEQ's Environmental Cleanup Division. Managed technical, professional and support staff and a \$9.5 million annual budget.

PROJECT MANAGER, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, 1985 1986

Managed all components of headquarters relocation, including the negotiation of a long term lease and space planning for a 300 member staff. Developed specifications and oversaw contracts with computer, telephone, movers. Managed \$2.5 million project budget.

OWNER/ OPERATOR, DINNER AT EIGHT, INC., 1983 1985

Established gourmet restaurant and catering business. Responsible for all aspects of business, including financing, corporate set up, licensing and advertising, along with facility acquisition, restoration and décor, staffing and daily operation.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, FEDERAL DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION, 1981 1983

Negotiated and managed contracts with prominent organizations representing the interests of citizens and legal entities. Responsible for project fiscal accountability and for compliance with US Department of Justice rules and regulations. Conducted issue analyses and published reports. Supervised technical and support staff.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY CONSORTIUM, 1979 1981

Researched and analyzed organizational policy issues. Represented management in the labor contract bargaining process. Prepared and analyzed budgets. Represented the Director on state and local committees. Interpreted federal regulations and negotiated compliance issues with the U.S. Department of Labor.

RESEARCHER/ WRITER, OREGON COUNCIL ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY, 1979

Monitored state legislative proceedings addressing juvenile justice issues. Researched and analyzed legislation. Wrote and published articles and newsletters about model juvenile justice programs.

STAFF ASSISTANT, LANE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, 1975 1979

Analyzed issues, policies and options related to land use, health, transportation, and economic development. Advised Lane County leaders on policy decisions and constituent relations. Served as liaison to county staff, federal, state and city agencies, and numerous private organizations. Wrote speeches, press releases, and reports.

Mary Wahl
Application for Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission
Interest Statement

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission addresses issues of importance and value to all Oregonians. I am applying to be a Commission member because the combination of my family history, work and personal experiences and interests — and the skills and solution based approach I've developed in 30+ years of work in conservation related fields — will contribute to the Commission's protection and enhancement of Oregon's fish and wildlife and their habitats, both now and in the future.

Here are some of the ways I will add value to the Commission:

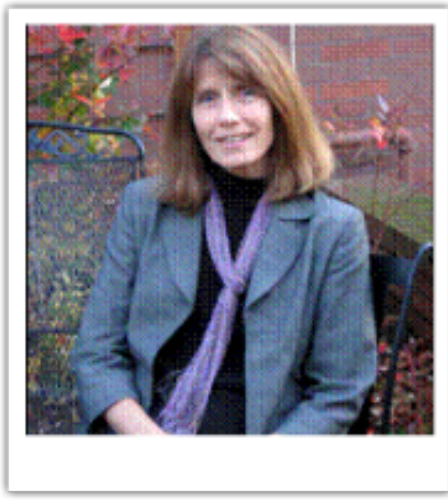
1. **A broad and pragmatic perspective.** My life has long been deeply rooted in both rural and urban Oregon, in both agriculture and conservation, and in numerous successful efforts to conserve and protect Oregon's natural resources in urban and rural settings. I grew up on a ranch in a rural community, worked for many years in Portland and Salem, and am now combining my agricultural and conservation backgrounds at the northern Curry County ranches where I grew up, and which my siblings and I co own. For example, a quarter of our ranch at the mouth of Elk River is fenced off as livestock exclusion areas that support fish and wildlife habitat. Importantly, this integration of habitat and agricultural operations is beneficial to both the agriculture and habitat components. It is quite doable to have ranches that are active, economically viable AND successfully conserve habitat. In fact, the latter can be part of the reason they are viable. I describe the work I do now as being at the nexus of conservation and ranching.
2. **Extensive knowledge of the possibilities and challenges of environmental management.** I have worked in several county, state and city agencies in Oregon, and have great appreciation for both the constraints on those entities, and the extent of the accomplishments possible from them. I have managed programs, people, budgets, and public processes ranging from managing the creation and adoption of new state statutes for toxic cleanups to negotiating and implementing multiple contracts, to managing the creation, adoption and implementation of the Portland Watershed Management Plan. This experience has provided me with the ability to recognize how important collaboration, fairness and open processes are to ultimate program outcomes and public acceptance, and the humility to know how lengthy and challenging those efforts can be.
3. **Decades of positive collaboration through service on boards of directors, advisory committees and other working groups committed to the health of Oregon's environment and working farms and ranches.** My board memberships and related activities have focused largely on natural resource conservation. I retired from my last full time job (managing the City of Portland's watershed program) to concentrate on conservation and working lands initiatives on Oregon's south coast to find ways to make conservation of natural resources, especially in and around rural communities like those on Oregon's south coast, a core feature of the economy and future of those areas.

I am currently on the board of the Wild Rivers Land Trust (which serves all of Curry and part of Coos counties), on the steering and executive committees for the Wild River Coast Alliance (the charitable arm of the Bandon Dunes Golf Courses), and on the Portland Audubon Society's Conservation Committee. I served as the Kalmiopsis Audubon Society representative on ODFW's

2014 Coastal Multi Species Conservation and Management Plan (CMP) workgroup. A small group of us from the area remain engaged with ODFW in the ongoing work to ensure the CMP is implemented, which will give the wild fall Chinook population a chance to return to health.

I believe my combination of 1) being a co owner of ranch land where we have integrated habitat conservation into the ongoing operations of the ranch; 2) working in conservation and related fields for many years; 3) serving on boards, advisory committees and work groups closely related to the kinds of issues that come before Oregon's Fish and Wildlife Commission; 4) working at the nexus of ranching and conservation; and 5) my long history of effectively managing public programs and processes, and engaging effectively with people across many parts of Oregon, and on multiple complex issues, gives me a background well suited to serving as an engaged and effective Commission member.

Mary Wahl
Application for Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission
Biographical Information



Mary Wahl grew up in the Langlois area of northern Curry County. She earned a Master's degree in Public Administration, with Environmental Management and Economics specialties, from Harvard University and a Bachelor's degree from Oregon State University. She managed watershed services for the City of Portland, Oregon, for a decade and previously managed hazardous and solid waste programs, including toxics cleanup, for the State of Oregon.

Mary retired from her work in Portland to focus on conservation efforts on Oregon's south coast. Her current work includes conserving Oregon's land base for agriculture and fish and wildlife habitat, finding ways to integrate conservation and ranch operations, and protecting one of Oregon's last coastal old growth forest watersheds. Mary and her siblings are fourth-generation ranch owners on Oregon's south coast. Integration of conservation into ranch operations has been part of the ranch management approach for more than 20 years. About 25 percent of the ranch is fenced off as livestock exclusion areas where conservation and habitat dominate. She is currently on the board of directors of the Wild Rivers Land Trust and the Wild Rivers Coast Alliance, and recently served as the Kalmiopsis Audubon Society's representative on ODFW's Conservation and Management Plan advisory group.

Besides conservation interests, Mary enjoys kayaking, hiking, travel, gardening and finding excuses to be outside.

From: [MOLLER Mary * GOV](#)
To: [MINER Jason * GOV](#)
Cc: [RICE-WHITLOW Kristina * GOV](#)
Subject: FW: Mary Wahl for Fish and Wildlife Commission
Date: Friday, February 09, 2018 8:59:23 AM

FYI

Mary Moller
Executive Appointments and Constituent Services Director
Office of Governor Kate Brown
775 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301
(503) 400-5376 Cell

Mailing Address:
900 Court Street NE, Suite 254
Salem, OR 97301

I have a new assistant!
Kristina Rice-Whitlow
(503) 378-2317 Desk
Kristina.Rice-Whitlow@oregon.gov



From: Craig Lacy [mailto:lacycraig@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 09, 2018 7:02 AM
To: MOLLER Mary * GOV <Mary.MOLLER@oregon.gov>
Subject: Mary Wahl for Fish and Wildlife Commission

To: Executive Appointment Staff
From: Craig Lacy Bend, OR

I would encourage you to appoint Mary Wahl to the Fish and Wildlife Commission. I find her background and philosophy to be very valuable to the Commission. I have been an advocate for wild fish and their habitats in Oregon for over 33 years. Here in the Eastern part of the state we have many situations where a person with her skills can benefit not only the fish and wildlife values but the ranching/farming communities as well.

Her skill set is sorely needed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig Lacy

[REDACTED]

Bend, OR 97703

From: [MINER Jason * GOV](#)
To: [RICE-WHITLOW Kristina * GOV](#)
Subject: FW: Mary Wahl for ODFW Commission
Date: Monday, March 12, 2018 11:09:09 AM

From: Bob Sallinger [mailto:bsallinger@audubonportland.org]
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 11:00 AM
To: MINER Jason * GOV <Jason.MINER@oregon.gov>
Subject: Mary Wahl for ODFW Commission

Hi Jason,

I am writing to offer Portland Audubon Society's strongest support for Mary Wahl's application to serve as am ODFW Commissioner for the 4th Congressional District. I have worked with Mary in a variety of capacities over the past 25 years, especially during her time running the watershed program for Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services. I consider her to be among the most effective agency staffers that I have worked with during my career.

Mary would bring to the position a comprehensive knowledge of urban, rural and wild land conservation issues. Her knowledge of urban issues will be essential as ODFW continues to navigate the changing demographics of our state and increasingly recognizes the importance of urban conservation both for its intrinsic ecological value and for its importance in connecting urban populations to to conservation. As an owner of the Wahl Ranch she also brings direct experience working with and in rural communities and managing working lands. Mary also is tremendously effective at working in and with large natural resource bureaucracies--she knows how to effectively work within the system to build support, develop and implement cutting edge programs even within the most entrenched systems.

Mary's combination of skills and broad experiences is from our perspective, exactly the type of leadership ODFW needs. Please feel free to contact me if you would like any additional information. 503 380-9728. I also left you a message to this effect on your landline.

Best

Bob

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Bob Sallinger
Conservation Director
Audubon Society of Portland
5151 NW Cornell Road
Portland, Oregon 97210
Phone: (503) 380-9728



February 28, 2018

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ken Helm, State Representative
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St. NE, H-490
Salem, Oregon 97301

Mary Moller, Executive Appointments Director
Office of the Governor, Somerville Building
775 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Support for appointment of Mary Wahl to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, Federal District 4.

Ms. Moller,

I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the appointment of Mary Wahl to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, Federal District 4.

Mary's family history as local ranch owners for over 125 years highlights how deeply connected she is to the preservation and health of Oregon's natural landscapes, including our precious fish and wildlife resources. She has served as Manager for Watershed Services Group, for the City of Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services, and as Division Administrator with Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. Throughout, she has successfully navigated large-scope environmental and contamination management issues, displaying a diverse set of collaborative problem-solving skills. Mary is also a Board Member of the Wild Rivers Land Trust and a committee member of the Wild Rivers Coast Alliance, demonstrating her commitment to a more sustainable future for all communities in Oregon.

Mary's industry experience, community involvement, and commitment to our state's natural resources underscore her exemplary record and strong qualifications. I believe that her perspective would be of great benefit to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, and I strongly recommend her for this position.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at rep.kenhelm@oregonlegislature.gov or 503-986-1434. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Representative Ken Helm
Oregon State Legislature
House District 34



From: [MINER Jason * GOV](#)
To: [RICE-WHITLOW Kristina * GOV](#)
Subject: Fwd: Mary Wahl's Application for ODFW Commission
Date: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 3:10:35 PM

Jason Miner
Natural Resources Policy Manager
Office of Governor Kate Brown

Begin forwarded message:

From: Claire Puchy <cpuchy@comcast.net>
Date: March 21, 2018 at 2:39:34 PM PDT
To: <Jason.MINER@oregon.gov>
Subject: Mary Wahl's Application for ODFW Commission

Dear Jason,

I am writing enthusiastically in support of Mary Wahl as a potential Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commissioner from the 4th Congressional District. Mary has numerous qualifications relevant to this important post, including:

- years of experience managing environmental programs at the state and municipal levels
- her rural family ranching upbringing in southwestern Oregon
- her experience in working on complex environmental problems in urban settings
- her tireless efforts to find a nexus between conservation and agriculture in southwestern Oregon
- her deep love of Oregon, its fish and wildlife, its diverse habitats, and its citizens

I have known Mary for over 30 years and have worked closely with her on watershed, fish and wildlife and other conservation matters. Mary is totally dedicated to finding solutions and to working constructively with all people and organizations to restore and protect Oregon's fish and wildlife and habitats. She would bring knowledge, energy and wisdom—and practical experience—to the Commission.

Mary is a tireless worker who always does her homework and is always prepared. I am confident that Mary would always advocate for Oregon's fish and wildlife, listen carefully to department staff and Oregon citizens—no matter what their views—and make wise and informed decisions. I have seen Mary make very difficult decisions on complex issues having financial, environmental—and sometimes political—consequences. Her high standard of ethics invariably resulted in solid decisions.

I worked for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife from 1989-1999, and most recently served on the Joint Interim Legislative Task Force charged with exploring new funding for fish, wildlife and related outdoor recreation and education. Therefore, I am very familiar with many of the challenges facing ODFW and the Commission. It is critical that people appointed to the Commission have a breadth of knowledge and experience, and above all, a passion and a vision for the future of our precious fish and wildlife heritage. Mary Wahl is an ideal candidate.

Thank you so much for considering Mary Wahl for the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission!

Claire Puchy

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Lake Oswego, OR 97034

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From: [MINER Jason * GOV](#)
To: [RICE-WHITLOW Kristina * GOV](#)
Subject: FW: Call to Action: Support Mary Wahl for ODFW Position
Date: Thursday, April 05, 2018 1:01:38 PM

From: Michael Strupp [mailto:amstrupp@web.de]
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2018 11:53 AM
To: MINER Jason * GOV <Jason.MINER@oregon.gov>
Subject: Fw: Call to Action: Support Mary Wahl for ODFW Position

Gesendet: Donnerstag, 05. April 2018 um 19:54 Uhr
Von: Steamboaters <steamboaters@hotmail.com>
An: amstrupp@web.de
Betreff: Call to Action: Support Mary Wahl for ODFW Position

**The Honorable Governor Kate Brown
Office of the Governor
900 Court Street NE, Suite 254
Salem, OR 97301-4047**

Dear Governor Brown,

The Steamboaters, a fishing and conservation group on the North Umpqua River, with over 50 years of working with ODFW for the improvement of our anadromous fish resources, support the appointment of Mary Wahl to the ODFW Commission for Congressional District 4.

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We feel she would be an ideal choice for the Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Thank You,

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From: [MINER Jason * GOV](#)
To: [RICE-WHITLOW Kristina * GOV](#)
Subject: FW: Commissioner Appointment
Date: Thursday, April 05, 2018 12:58:01 PM

From: JEFF DOSE [mailto:jfdose@msn.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2018 12:37 PM
To: MINER Jason * GOV <Jason.MINER@oregon.gov>
Cc: LINEBAUGH Kourtney * GOV <Kourtney.Linebaugh@oregon.gov>
Subject: Commissioner Appointment

Greetings!

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Thank you,

Jeffrey Dose
Fisheries Biologist (retired)

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From: [LINEBAUGH Kourtney * GOV](#)
To: [GOV Executive Appointments * GOV](#)
Subject: FW: Commissioner Appointment
Date: Thursday, April 05, 2018 12:42:36 PM

FYI see recommendation below for Mary Wahl.

Kourtney Linebaugh
Executive Assistant to Jason Miner | Lauri Aunan | Jim McKenna
Natural Resources | Office of Governor Kate Brown

Address:
Somerville Building
775 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301
Office: 503-986-6535

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From: [MINER Jason * GOV](#)
To: [RICE-WHITLOW Kristina * GOV](#)
Subject: FW: ODFW Commission
Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 12:15:35 PM

From: DJ Heffernan [mailto:djheff1@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 12:12 PM
To: MINER Jason * GOV <Jason.MINER@oregon.gov>
Subject: ODFW Commission

The Honorable Governor Kate Brown
Office of the Governor
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[Salem, OR 97301](#)-4047

Dear Governor Brown,

The Steamboaters, a fishing and conservation group on the North Umpqua River, with over 50 years of working with ODFW for the improvement of our anadromous fish resources, support the appointment of Mary Wahl to the ODFW Commission for Congressional District 4. As a Steamboaters member for the past 30+ years, I want to echo there endorsement.

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Thank You,

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DJ Heffernan
DHC Planning
2525 NE Halsey Street
Portland, OR 97232
(503) 310-2306

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From: [MINER Jason * GOV](#)
To: [RICE-WHITLOW Kristina * GOV](#)
Subject: Fwd: appointment of Mary Wahl
Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 7:01:48 AM

Jason Miner
Natural Resources Policy Manager
Office of Governor Kate Brown

Begin forwarded message:

From: Dean Sullivan <osullivan.zadistributing@gmail.com>
Date: April 10, 2018 at 1:29:44 AM PDT
To: <jason.miner@oregon.gov>
Subject: appointment of Mary Wahl

The Honorable Governor Kate Brown
Office of the Governor
[900 Court Street NE, Suite 254](#)
[Salem, OR 97301](#)-4047

Dear Governor Brown,

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I feel she would be an ideal choice for the Fish and Wildlife Commission.

In kind regards, Dean Sullivan (North Umpqua river resident and member of Steamboaters)

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Gary Simantel

Eugene, Oregon

97401

gary.simantel@gmail.com

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Governor Kate Brown
Suite 254
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Governor Brown:

I support the appointment of Ms. Mary Wahl to the ODFW
Commission. Thank you for considering this.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Simantel". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "G" and a long, horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Steamboaters
PO Box 396
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Thank You,

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Tim Goforth, Steamboaters President

April 9, 2018

The Honorable Governor Kate Brown
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GOVERNOR KATE BROWN

Re: Mary Wahl for ODF&W Commission

Dear Governor Brown,

I am a member of the Steamboaters and I support the appointment of Mary Wahl to the ODF&W Commission, Congressional District 4. I urge you to choose her for the position.

Ms. Wahl is well qualified, having served, for example, on the Board of the Wild Rivers Coast Alliance and the South Coast Stratum Citizens Advisory Committee for the Coastal Multi-Species Management Plan. She has deep and wide roots in Oregon. She understands how government actions can affect landowners, especially in rural Oregon. I also believe that she can consider various perspectives, work with partners, and will from that place advance Oregon's fish and wildlife objectives.

Thank you,



Michael Morrison

Portland, OR 97213

From: [MINER Jason * GOV](#)
To: [RICE-WHITLOW Kristina * GOV](#)
Subject: FW: Nomination
Date: Thursday, June 28, 2018 11:55:39 AM

FYI

-----Original Message-----

From: Derek Yost [<mailto:dny8088@gmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, April 07, 2018 8:30 AM
To: MINER Jason * GOV <Jason.MINER@oregon.gov>
Subject: Nomination

I want to put in support for the nomination of Mary Wahl for ODFW Congressional District 4. I believe she has the experience and personality to excel at this position. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Derek Yost

Sent from my iPhone

April 6, 2018

Kathy Kreiter



Idleyld Park, Oregon
97447

The Honorable Governor Kate Brown
Office of the Governor
900 Court Street NE, Suite 254
Salem, OR 97301-4047

Dear Governor Brown,

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I feel she would be an ideal choice for the Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Thank You,

Kathy Kreiter



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Fish and Wildlife Commission

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First Name: Jill MI: E Last Name: Zarnowitz

Preferred Name: Jill (Ex: Thomas -> Tom) Title: (Mr. Ms. Dr.) Ms Suffix: (Jr., PhD) _____

Occupation: Winery Manager (Select one) Home: ☒ Work: ☐

Preferred Mailing Address: _____

City: Yamhill State: OR Zip Code: 97148 County: Yamhill

Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: 503.662.5609 Home Phone: _____ (Not USA)

Email Address: (Please print) Jill@staghollow.com

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A résumé detailing your work, educational background, and relevant experience is required. A short Bio* is also required highlighting key career and personal/professional community activities for boards requiring senate confirmation. Your statement of interest describes why you wish to serve on this particular board or commission, and why you meet the requirements for appointment. You must be an Oregon resident to apply unless otherwise noted. Please review your information to ensure accuracy.

Jill Eve Zarnowitz

[REDACTED] Yamhill, Oregon 97148
Phone: (503) 662.5609 • Mobile: [REDACTED] • E-mail: jill@staghollow.com

For the position of: Fish and Wildlife Commissioner
Nearly forty years of experience in fish and wildlife conservation, research, and habitat management.

Statement of Interest

After a career in Oregon and Washington covering fish and wildlife conservation and habitat management, I offer my expertise and time to collaboratively guide decisions on the State's key fish, wildlife and related habitat issues. With my experience and knowledge of fish and wildlife, I can provide Oregon citizens and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife valuable insights to help balance the commercial, recreational, and conservation needs of the State. It would be an honor serve on the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Experience Highlights

- Experience in wildlife research, including an integrated fish and wildlife research project.
- Regional Wildlife Biologist, Washington Department of Wildlife, including taking public input and recommending hunting seasons for southwest Washington and Klickitat County and managing the regional non-game program.
- Assistant director (Division Administrator) Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for 9 years under 3 agency directors.
- Water Policy advisor for 12 years on fish and wildlife needs.
- Business owner of a vineyard and a winery operation since 1990, including financial, marketing, sales, legal and administrative responsibilities.

Work History

President/Manager/CFO

Stag Hollow Wines, LLC and Stag Hollow Vineyards, LLC – Yamhill, OR
1990 - present

NRS 4 Water Policy Specialist

OR Dept. of Fish and Wildlife – Salem, OR – 1999 - 2009

Administrator Habitat Division

OR Dept. of Fish and Wildlife – Portland, OR – 1991 - 1999

Resume of Jill E. Zarnowitz for Position of Fish and Wildlife Commissioner

Program Manager Water Policy/Assistant Administrator
OR Dept. of Fish and Wildlife – Portland, OR – 1988 – 1991

SW Regional Wildlife Biologist
WA Dept. of Wildlife - Vancouver, WA – 1985 – 1988
Coastal Region District Habitat Biologist
WA Dept. of Wildlife - Vancouver, WA – 1984 – 1985

Researcher (bird & mammal predation on coho salmon juveniles)
WA Dept. of Fisheries – Forks, WA – 1983 - 1984

Researcher (spotted owl distribution, N. Cascades)
Seattle City Light, Seattle, WA - 1982

Researcher (fruit preferences of bats)
Self-employed, Monteverde, Costa Rica – 1980 - 1982

Research Assistant (habitat use by cavity nesting birds in the Olympic National Forest)
University of Washington - Seattle, WA – 1979 - 1980

Research Assistant (distribution of cavity nesting birds and spotted owls in Darrington Ranger District)
US Forest Service – Darrington, WA – 1977

Research Assistant (study of wolves in Abruzzi Mtns, Italy)
University of Rome, Sapienza – Campo di Giove, Italy – 1976 - 1977

Education

Bachelor of Science, Environmental Studies
Huxley College of Environmental Studies, Western WA Univ. – Bellingham, WA - 1976

Master of Wildlife Science
College of Forest Resources, University of WA – Seattle, WA – 1982

Community Service

Board Member – Yamhill-Carlton Winegrowers Association
2013 – present

Marketing Committee Member – Yamhill-Carlton Winegrowers Association
2011 – present

Resume of Jill E. Zarnowitz for Position of Fish and Wildlife Commissioner

Committee Chair, OR Chapter, American Fisheries Society

1991

Advisor, Yamhill-Carlton High School Equestrian Team

2013

Volunteer, Yamhill Grade School - Yamhill, OR

2001 – 2005

Affiliations

Wildlife Society – 1978 – present

Ducks Unlimited – 1985 – present

American Ecological Society – 1978 – 2009

American Fisheries Society – 1988 – 2009

Oregon Winegrowers' Association – 1990 – present

Willamette Valley Wineries Association – 1990 – present
(and predecessor)

WineAmerica – 1994 – present
(and predecessor)

Yamhill-Carlton Winegrowers' Association – 2005 – present

Publications

Zarnowitz, Jill E. and David A. Manuwal. 1985. The effects of forest management on cavity-nesting birds in northwest Washington. J. Wildl. Manage. (49) 1. Pp 255 – 263.

Zarnowitz, Jill E. 1982. The effect of forest management on cavity-nesting bird populations in the Olympic National Forest, Washington. MS Thesis, Univ. Washington, Seattle. 113 pp.

Unpublished report:

Zarnowitz, Jill E. and K. J. Raedeke. 1984. Winter predation on coho fingerlings by bird and mammal in relation to pond characteristics. WA Dept. of Fisheries. Pp 34.

Bio for Jill E. Zarnowitz

For Fish and Wildlife Commissioner District 1 Position

Jill Zarnowitz's career in fish and wildlife management and conservation spans nearly 40 years. After Jill Zarnowitz obtained a Bachelor of Science from Huxley College of Environmental Studies at Western Washington University, Bellingham, she started a career as a wildlife researcher. Assisting on a wolf ecology study in Italy was the gateway to Jill's career in wildlife. Over the next several years Jill worked on several research projects, including locating spotted owls, ecology of cavity-nesting birds in managed forests, foraging behavior of fruit-eating bats in Costa Rica, and bird and mammal predation on over-wintering coho salmon fingerlings. The cavity-nesting birds study was part of her Master's of Wildlife Science earned from the College of Forest Resources, University of Washington, Seattle. Her Master's thesis results were published in the Journal of Wildlife Management in 1985, and thirty years later this paper continues to be cited frequently in the scientific literature.

Jill's natural resource management career began with Washington Department of Wildlife (WDW) as a District Habitat Biologist in the Coastal Region, reviewing hydraulic permits, providing fish and wildlife comments on hydroelectric projects, and evaluating other habitat related issues. A year later, she became the Southwest Regional Wildlife Biologist for WDW, leading the public input process on and recommending hunting seasons, conducting studies, managing the regional nongame program, regional wildlife areas and a pheasant farm.

In 1988, Jill came to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), and over the next 21 years she held prominent positions as the Agency's lead on water policy (program manager), assistant division administrator and nine years as Assistant Director (Administrator) in its Habitat Division. Accomplishments during her career include developing the first ODFW instream water right rules, applying for instream water rights, overseeing ODFW's involvement in removing Savage Rapids Dam, reviewing major hydroelectric relicensing, wind energy, State Forest plans, and mining projects, among others.

Throughout her ODFW career, Jill collaborated on decision-making with the private and public sectors on watershed and water management, habitat management and conservation issues during the tenure of three ODFW directors. Collaborative decision-making included the Fish and Wildlife Commission, all ODFW divisions, regions and districts, the Governor's office, other agencies, private industry and interest groups, including agriculture, industry, forestry, fishing, hunting and conservation groups, and local governments among others. Jill managed six program areas as Assistant Director, including water, hydro, forestry, land use, fish screening and passage, and special projects (mining, linear energy facilities, other energy projects).

Jill retired from ODFW in 2009. Jill and her husband, Mark, raised a daughter, now age 19. They currently operate a vineyard and wine business in Yamhill, Oregon.